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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 3603

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, SY, IS  
SUBJECT: SYRIAN VIEWS ON COMPENSATION FOR ISRAELI OCCUPATION  
OF GOLAN HEIGHTS

1. AP STRINGER FARES TOLD US JUNE 8 THAT HE HAD RECENTLY  
RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM AP REQUESTING SARG VIEWS ABOUT ISRAELI  
COMPENSATION FOR ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DURING OCCUPATION OF  
GOLAN HEIGHTS. FARES SAID HE CHECKED WITH SENIOR SARG  
OFFICIALS BUT THEY REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE FOR THE  
RECORD. FARES TOLD US HE UNDERSTANDS SARG WILL RAISE ISSUE OF  
COMPENSATION DURING POSSIBLE FUTURE TALKS BUT NOT BEFORE TALKS  
BEGIN. HE CLAIMED SARG BELIEVES PUBLICITY ACCORDED TO THIS  
ISSUE PRIOR TO INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE AN OBSTACLE  
TO RECONVENING OF GENEVA TALKS. BUT WHEN PEACE CONFERENCE  
RECONVENES, SYRIA WILL DEMAND COMPENSATION FOR DESTRUCTION  
OF KUNEITRA AND FOR CROPS ISRAELIS HAVE HARVESTED ON  
SYRIAN LAND. FARES ALSO SAID HE RECALLED THAT BAATH PARTY  
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DEPSEC GEN ABDULLAH AL-AHMAR HAD PUBLICLY DEMANDED  
COMPENSATION FOR KUNEITRA FEW YEARS AGO WHEN STATUS OF  
GOLAN WAS ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC TOPIC. FARES ASSERTED THAT  
AP'S INTEREST AND SARG CAUTION WERE GENERATED BY RECENT  
GOE STATEMENTS REGARDING COMPENSATION CAIRO EXPECTED FROM  
ISRAEL FOR SINAI PETROLEUM.

2. COMMENT: FARES DEPICTION OF SYRIAN CAUTION ON  
COMPENSATION ISSUE ACCORDS WITH TRADITIONAL SYRIAN POSTURE  
REGARDING GOLAN. APART FROM DEMANDING TOTAL ISRAELI  
WITHDRAWAL FROM GOLAN AND ALL OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS AND  
REITERATING VIEWS ABOUT USE OF UN OBSERVER FORCES IN  
CONTEXT OF TREATY, SYRIANS RARELY COMMENT PUBLICLY ABOUT  
OCCUPIED GOLAN. IT IS ANOTHER SMALL INDICATION OF SYRIAN  
RELUCTANCE TO COMPLICATE PROSPECTS FOR RECONVENING ME  
SETTLEMENT TALKS.  
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